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Strictly Squaresville

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I still haven't gotten over the fact that television goes off at approximately midnight in Houston, just when I'm ready to start watching. I can't be the only night owl in a city of this size. There must be those who work unusual shifts who would appreciate an all-night movie station like the ones in California.

Perhaps, like the demise of Alex Bennett, it's the sponsors who are chicken. No one wants to gamble on something which has been proved over and over again in California. There are many talkshows out there on television and radio and the sponsors fight to get on them.

Nonetheless, Alex is gone from the night-time. His show was very popular and his ratings were high, but there are no sponsors with guts. At least he's still around in the mornings. I always liked his morning show when he was James Bond and I'm sure that high ratings will follow him wherever he goes.

I lost my wager about Mac Hudson getting the morning job. Sorry about that. I just had no idea they'd pull off a show as successful as The Alex Bennett Show. One good thing came out of it. We have both Steve Lundy and Jerry Thomas in the evenings opposite Joe Ford, Larry Vance and Dave Jordan, giving us a big variety of solid music on AM.

On the FM scene, I had high hopes of one of the stations going Underground in

order to compete with the AM stations, but neither has done it so far. KRBE is playing a lot of Underground Groups, but not enough to make it an Underground Station.

It appears KFMK and KRBE will stay middle-of-the-road rock stations. Of course, they are both still in the formative stage, so it is not fair to judge them yet.

Houston is getting another new station as of Nov. 1. It is KNER and will be 1070 on the dial. Don't know which road they plan to take, but I still have hopes.

You see, no one thinks Houston is ready for an Underground Station. I say Houston IS ready or local Underground Groups would not be consistently drawing big at the teen clubs. Guess I'm a frustrated radio music director. It would be great fun to program such a station.

Newsound News: Houston's Leon Haywood came in at Number 64 this week in Billboard. Other locals making it nationally are Gene & Debbie at Number 90 and The Clique at Number 114.

Would you believe? There's a three page color foldout of Mama Cass (with nothing on but a tattoo) in this month's Cheech magazine. It's pretty funny.

Sorry to report that Woodie Guthrie died in New York after a long illness. He will never be forgotten as long as people sing "This Land Is Your Land".

"Richard & Me" by Gene & Tommy is the most out-

standing record now climbing the local charts. Beautifully written and performed. Watch this group.

For those of you in outlying areas: Eric Burdon & The Animals will definitely be in Houston at The Coliseum on Wednesday. It's a school night, but it starts at 7:30 PM, so you might be able to make it.

Tuesday will be the night Belafonte, Joan Baez and the most successful female recording artist in history, Aretha Franklin, will appear at the Coliseum. Hope to see you there both nights.

MOST REQUESTED NOW-SOUNDS: (It's interesting there's not a single repeat on any station.)

KRBE-FM: "Hey Joe" by Music Machine, "Mixed Bag" LP by Ritchie Havens, "Omaha" by Moby Grape

KILT-AM: "Don't Stop The Carnival" by Sound Investment, "Richard & Me" by Gene & Tommy, "Need Me" by Moving Sidewalks

KFMK-FM: "Today & Tomorrow" by Fun & Games Commission, "Get Together" by Youngbloods, "The Rain, The Park and Other Things" by Cowbills

KNUZ-AM: "People Are Strange" by Doors, "Shame On Me" by Chuck Jackson, "Go With Me" by Gene & Debbie

Scott's Sneak of the Week: "Homburg" by Procol Harum (A&M)

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THURSDAY

The Sound Searchers—Student Center, Blinn College, Brenham

A-440—Gulfgate Mall

FRIDAY

Grammy Pones — Saint Luke's Methodist Church

A-440—The Vault, Pasadena

The Rebellers—Lodge Pokrock

The Kings—Northshore Junior High School

SATURDAY

The Coastliners—Memorial High School

Thursday's Children—The Box, Beaumont

A-440—Grand Par'l, Bay City

The Rebellers — Dupont Recreation Hall, Orange

The Kings — Carousel Skating Rink, 9190 Katy Road

The Sound Investment — Teen Club, Cleveland

The TSU Torondoes — Westchester High School

Magic Ring, Size 8½—Elks Lodge, Pasadena

fever tree—Marian High School gymnasium

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